

## LONG POND (Rutland)

## General Information:

Actually, Long Pond is composed of three ponds, the 81 acre southern pond is the largest and deepest, averaging eight feet with a maximum of 25 feet. Aquatic vegetation is abundant around the shallow area just south of Rt. 122. A large paved boat ramp is located directly off the highway providing excellent boat access into this pond. A spacious parking area is capable of accommodating in excess of 50 vehicles.

The middle basin sits between Rt. 122 and 122A. A culvert, impassable to boat traffic, connects the middle pond to the southern pond. Aquatic weeds proliferate here as depth seldom exceeds a couple of feet. An informal access consisting of a dirt road leads to the waters edge about mid-way along the middle pond off the northbound lane off Rt. 122.

The north pond (30 acres) is similar in character to the middle pond, being shallow and quite weedy. Shoreline access is excellent at all three ponds.

## Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently sampled during the summer of 1995. Fourteen species were present. The resident gamefish include largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and chain pickerel, while yellow perch, white perch, black crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass and brown bullheads compose the panfish fauna. White suckers and golden shiners are also present. Rainbow trout, the result of spring stockings, also turned up in the sample.

## Fishing:

Long Pond is a good bet for largemouth bass and for those who are searching for bullheads of "eating size." Most fishing pressure is directed at trout, however, which are stocked in both the spring and fall. Due to the excellent access, the pond can get quite crowded with boats during the peak of spring trout fishing. To avoid the crowds during this period, try to fish here on a weekday.

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